

COL. SMITH MISTAKEN.

Col. Thomas Smith, late U. S. Attorney for New Mexico, now in Washington, is reported as saying to the Senate Committee on Territories that the Democrats of New Mexico will support solidly the proposed Constitution with the correction of the apportionment and the method of canvassing the vote.

In this Col. Smith is radically mistaken. We have the best of reasons for believing that the Democrats of New Mexico will not favor the adoption of that Constitution with any changes that are at all likely to be made, or under any circumstances that are at all likely to occur.

"They demand a new convention under an Enabling Act, and the right of all the people to elect that convention and make their own Constitution, unhampered by a purposely biased and partisan apportionment."

The pending instrument is too loose, ill-digested and crude—too full of questionable legislation—to be considered for a moment. Congress can give us an Enabling Act in half the time it would take to patch up this miserable abortion, even if that were possible.

As a fair index of public sentiment on this subject, nineteen of the thirty-three newspapers of the Territory are opposed to the adoption of this Constitution—five of the number able and influential Republican papers.

Wm. F. Crane, at one time a well-known attorney at Albuquerque, committed suicide at Kansas City on Tuesday.

Arrangements are about completed for the construction of a railroad from Albuquerque direct to Durango, Colo.

The Senate prohibition bill, ratifying the prohibitory laws of states wherever they exist, and practically committing the Federal Government to the policy of prohibition, was placed on the Senate calendar for action, last Thursday.

Hon. Roger Q. Mills, in his opening Democratic speech on the McKinley tariff bill, the other day, gave utterance to a fundamental principle of democratic government when he said that "the Democratic party maintains that taxes should be imposed on such articles and at such rates as will bring the required revenue for an honest and economical administration of the government with the least possible restriction upon importations and the least possible restrictions upon exportations, and the least interference with the private business of the people."

The New York World criticizes Speaker Reed for advocating national control of congressional elections. It says it will "take away the right of local authorities to supervise elections and count the returns." The World fails to state the case fully. It will enable Federal supervisors, appointed for that purpose by the President, to stuff the ballot boxes and bulldoze and disfranchise Democrats for the purpose of ensuring the re-election in 1892 of the plous fraud now in the White House. They are well aware that the "frying" process cannot be repeated on the high tariff beneficiaries a second time—hence the more economical expedient of a Federal election law. Read is the boss bulldozer in American politics.

BILL HARFING.

The New Mexican is still harping on the cost of the Territorial judiciary under the "boodle Democratic administration," but forgets to say that that cost was caused by the outrageous salary and fee bills passed by the Republican legislature of 1887.

The trouble with Max is that under the "boodle Democratic administration" he was assessed a fine and imprisonment in the Penitentiary for crime, by a jury of his peers, and afterwards "knocked out" by the Democratic Governor, of a transparent fifteen thousand dollar steal on the Territorial treasury. Who can blame him for being mad and "reacting round?"

A DAMAGING DEFENCE.

Mr. F. W. Clancy, Tom Catron's law partner and protégé, is out in an open letter to Congressman Struble in answer to a letter written to Mr. Struble on that subject by the editor of the HEADLIGHT, several weeks ago.

As Mr. Clancy admits the force of most of the criticisms against the proposed Constitution which himself and Catron framed, and makes a very weak defence as to others, there seems to be nothing left to answer. Mr. Clancy's letter is really a damaging defence of that instrument. If it were not already dead a few more such letters would finish it. The supporters of that Constitution will now realize the homely adage that there is nothing so dangerous as a fool friend.

Mr. Clancy says Mr. Ross Struble letter is "the first substantial attack that has been made on our Constitution. It does seem to have been somewhat substantial—no substantial that Mr. Clancy can only answer it by the lawyer's plea of "confession and avoidance."

A DAMAGED WITNESS.

Mr. Clancy, in his open letter to Congressman Struble, speaking of the defeat of the Kistler School Bill, says:

One of the most ardent supporters of the bill in the legislature told me that upon its first introduction in the house he had examined it carefully, and suggested to those having the bill in charge almost every one of the amendments which were afterward made in the council, but he said that they would not listen to him.

And that "ardent supporter" was Tom Catron. One of the most important and mischievous of the several amendments the "ardent supporter" had incorporated upon the bill by the council, was to modify in a curbing and objectionable manner the school tax clause, in such a way as to practically defeat the prime object of the bill.

It was he who "wasn't going to vote to let himself to educate the children of the damned tramps of the mining camps."

It was he who held the council for five hours on the last day of the session in putting these identical amendments upon the bill—an "ardent supporter" of the bill, but "simply wished to perfect it"—and during that time had an emissary at work in the House getting pledges from its members to reject the very amendments the "ardent supporter" was then putting upon the bill in the Council, and thus secure its defeat.

Bring on another witness, Mr. Clancy, and be sure you get an "ardent supporter" of the school bill.

A GOOD TAKE-OFF.

The Growler, a little amateur daily issued by E. W. Parker, of Santa Fe, thus paraphrases the ridiculous pretense of argument in behalf of immediate statehood no commonly indulged in by the statehood-at-any-price organs:

"Statehood is the crying necessity of the hour. For wind gall, spavin, pain in the back, loss of memory and that tired feeling, you will find nothing that will give such immediate relief as statehood. None genuine that has not the names of our most prominent politicians blown in the bottle!"

"Wind tearing off the shutters and dust settling an inch deep on the table cloth—Ah, if we could only get statehood, what a delightful climate we would have!"

Ex-Governor Ross is planting barbed wire fence on his homestead near Albuquerque. [Enterprising.]

We propose to corral the immediate-statehood-sans-public-school-sans-land-title fellows on their return from Washington, without either public schools, land titles or statehood. They scattered too much "bit off more than they could chew" and got nothing. They will need barbed wire protection against public contempt.

A Washington correspondent of the Socorro Chief writes that when Gov. Prince reached Washington, he started out to secure rooms for his delegation. It was accomplished without difficulty, the landlady merely required a week's payment in advance, and refusing to accept overtures for credit. As Prince, finally, was about to make payment, it occurred to the cautious landlady to inquire where the delegation was from. "From New Mexico" blandly replied the suave Bradford. "Then you can't have the rooms," cried the landlady. "Them Mexicans shan't break up my furniture and spit on my carpets." And, as no amount of explanation would change her, the disconsolate governor sought rooms elsewhere.

THE DEMOCRATIC PRESS.

Up to this time the press of New Mexico has been largely Republican, though the popular vote of the Territory for the last eight years has been Democratic by 1,500 to 4,000 majority. This condition, however, is now changing. The newspaper representatives of the two parties are now about even, in numbers, and the indications are that the time is near at hand when the Democratic side will predominate as largely as has the Republican side heretofore. The Democratic sentiment is rapidly gaining ground among the people. The policies pursued by the Republican Legislature which have been secured by the very unequal apportionment that has for several years prevailed, has disgusted and estranged a great many honest, thinking Republicans, and there is now a good prospect of the election of a Democratic Legislature this year.

That a well conducted press is the most powerful factor possible in public affairs, goes without saying. The discussion of public affairs is pre-eminently the business of the press, as the conduct of public affairs is pre-eminently the business of the people under all forms of self-government. There is no way for the avoidance of corruption and mismanagement in public affairs but through active and intelligent interest on the part of the people. That interest can be secured and sustained in no way so effectively as by the maintenance of an honest, intelligent and fearless local party press, and such a press can be maintained only through the general and generous support of those whose political creed it advocates. We therefore say to all, and more especially to all Democrats—support your party press. If you do not feel able or inclined to take but one newspaper, let that be your home paper. If it does not come up to your standard, do your part towards insuring it a support that will enable it to do so, first, and then, if you choose, go away from home for your news and politics, but not till then. This is the only way in which effective local organization can be maintained, and without successful local organization successful state and national organization become impossible. First of all, encourage and strengthen your local press, for it can do for you what no other influence can.

THE SANTA FE NEWS.

We are in receipt of the first and second numbers of the Santa Fe News under the new management—Mr. J. H. Crist as editor and W. J. Davis as local editor. The News is a very important and timely acquisition to the roster of the Democratic press of the Territory. The gentlemen managing it are two of the brightest and brainiest young men in New Mexico, as the character of the paper they are putting out well illustrates.

The News will be a power for good in the politics of the Territory, and especially in Santa Fe county, if properly sustained, as we trust it will be. Santa Fe is a Democratic county, and the News is a creditable representative of its people, its interests and its politics, and is destined to exert a marked influence in the general and political affairs of the Territory. We welcome it as an able and effective co-worker for the general good.

EVERY WORLD TRUE.

The sickliest, weakest, feeblest starveling outside of a foundling hospital will be the public school of the Territory of New Mexico under the constitution adopted at Santa Fe last September.

The Benjamin Harrison war veteran association, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has become so disgusted with the picnic fraud in the White House that they have changed their name to that of Abraham Lincoln.

A GREAT MINE ABANDONED.

The person in charge of the Carlisle mill, at Carlisle, has been ordered to take the machinery out, ship it to San Francisco, and sell it for what it will bring, the company the twenty stamps owned by John A. Miller. As to this lease, the company has retained counsel with a view of having it set aside and cancelled. George W. Eastlee, manager and superintendent at the time, executed a lease in behalf of the company to Mr. Miller to twenty stamps, and agreed to put everything in good order for the running of that many stamps. The company desires to avoid this lease, and a hard fought lawsuit is liable to be the result. It is such conduct as this on the part of alien corporations, that brought into existence and reverts the repeal of the alien law. After this company had enjoyed dividends in fact from the products of this mine, it should have shown enough liberality when it abandoned the property to let some one take the mill on fair terms, instead of trying to better the machinery off as old iron. The conduct of the company indicates that if it cannot make money, no one else shall—not the benefit of its work or property. Hardly grateful, that.

JOHN J. QUINN & CO.

—Dealers in—

CLOTHING, DRY GOODS, BOOTS, SHOES, HATS,  
LADIES' and GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS,

ORDERS BY MAIL OR EXPRESS RECEIVE PROMPT ATTENTION.

Call and Examine Our Stock,

Pine Street, Deming, New Mexico.

LINCOLN COUNTY DEMOCRATS.

The Democrat Central Committee at Lincoln County held a large and harmonious meeting at which the several calls for conventions were promulgated that appear in the issue of the INTERPRETER. The Democrats of Lincoln county have this early issued the various calls on account of the new county organizations and the determination to make a thorough and harmonious canvass. The party at present, is in splendid shape, and at the approaching election in November, will elect its ticket from top to bottom. The candidates for the various county offices in all the counties are gentlemen well and widely known, and at the approaching election, the factional differences heretofore existing have been eliminated. There is but one sentiment expressed, to furnish all past differences and present a solid democratic front, whatever strife there will be, will be of the good natured kind, the conventions which in their wisdom will nominate such candidates as the citizens of Lincoln county will be pleased to vote for. The legislative nominations this year are of the utmost importance and at the Russell convention in August, only good and strong men will be placed in the field. Our Republican friends are already at work through Ryerson, Riley, & Co., manipulating political affairs in Lincoln county, with a view to carry the three counties for their benches. Some weak and half-breed democrats, who at heart belong to the Republican fold, have been tendered the nominations on the old plan to claim to be a democrat, but when they get to the legislature, Catron, Ryerson, Riley et al., own their body and soul. Democrats of Lincoln county do not propose to be cajoled in the manner heretofore practiced. Lincoln, Chase and Riley, legislative districts must and will be reliably democratic this fall, local interests demand it, and from indications at present from all parts of the Territory, the next legislature will have a fair democratic majority despite the unfair apportionment.

STOCK CIRCULAR.

The following has just been issued: Dear Sir:

You are doubtless aware that the rains in northern New Mexico, along the line of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R., during the past 30 days, have been more abundant than for many years past, and as a result thereof, grass and water will be plenty for the herds of cattle that may be driven to Las Vegas or Springer for shipment.

At Springer the enterprising citizens have diverted the water from one of the new lines of ditches recently constructed there, into an old laguna east of the Stock Yards, thus forming a large lake of pure water, which is intended for the free use of cattle men bringing their herds to Springer for shipment. As grass and water will be plenty, and as there is plenty of open range country tributary to Las Vegas and Springer, you will readily see the advantage you will enjoy by bringing your cattle to those points.

We have recently reduced our cattle rates from both of the above named stations, so that the question of rates will not operate against our patrons who may have heretofore gone to other lines of railroad to ship their cattle. In addition to this, we have arranged to give wide and extended information to cattle buyers in Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Illinois, of the arrival of herds at Las Vegas and Springer, so that everything taken in connection, these two localities on our line in New Mexico are sure to be favorite shipping points.

Please advise us by telegram or letter about the time your cattle will arrive at the railroad and at which station; also state number of head, ages and general condition.

In conclusion—you will receive every possible attention—fast time, good stock yard accommodations, and the finest line of stock cars now in use.

W. H. H. LEEWELLYN, L. S. Agt.  
E. LEWIS, Ass't L. S. Agt.  
1700 Lawrence St., Denver, Col., and Las Cruces, N. M.

NOT MUCH BEHIND.

Dear Sir:—I see from an editorial in your paper of the 5th instant a paragraph which accuses me of being "several thousand dollars in arrears" to the owners of the Las Cruces land office. Allow me to say that your information, so far as I am concerned, is without foundation. I am fully aware that an effort was made some time since to secure me with an indebtedness ranging all the way from \$5,000 to \$10,000 or \$20,000, which was said to have passed into the office while I filled the position of receiver there. I paid no attention to those charges at that time, knowing full well the notices that prompted them and the innocent tools employed to give them circulation, feeling satisfied that time would rectify all things and vindicate me. And nobly, Mr. Editor, it is doing its work, and has been doing it for several months, although in a quiet way.

Allow me to say, further, that when the final adjustment of my accounts with the government is made it will be found that the difference between us is a mere bagatelle. Now, as I am neither a candidate for the legislature, nor yet for the position of delegate to congress, and hence not seeking any newspaper notoriety at the present time, you will confer a favor on me by omitting my name from your paper's literature. Very respectfully,  
JAMES HUNTER.

FOR RENT CHEAP.

For three months—brick house of four rooms with furniture complete. For further particulars inquire of  
"PROF. HAYES."

NOTICE.  
Of Stockholder's Meeting of the Vermajo Company.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Vermajo Company will be held at the office of the company in Deming, county of Grant, and Territory of New Mexico on Monday, the 15th day of June, at ten o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as may be brought before them.

E. B. CHASE, Secretary. 30-41

NOTICE.  
Of Directors' Meeting of the Vermajo Company.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vermajo Company will be held at the office of the company in Deming, county of Grant, and Territory of New Mexico on Monday, the 15th day of June, at ten o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing officers of the company for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as may be submitted.

C. H. DANE, President.  
E. B. CHASE, Secretary. 30-41

T. S. ROBINSON'S  
GROCERY

AND  
CONFECTIONERY

Is located on  
Pine Street, three doors west of  
First National Bank.

His Stock of  
STAPLE AND FANCY

GROCERIES

Cannot be beat in the County.

His Candles are of the  
FRESHEST AND PUREST.

Best Assortment of Sweetmeats

IN DEMING.

Doors always open, and  
Orders Promptly Filled.

N. A. BOLICH.

—DEALER IN—

Clothing

& Hats,

BOOTS & SHOES

—

I Carry

A Full Line

IN ALL DEPARTMENTS,

And My Stock of

GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS

Is the Most Complete

IN GRANT COUNTY.

Having Been Selected  
Especially for this Market,  
Fine Shirts &  
Underwear

Of Every kind and in all sizes.  
CALL AND TEST PRICES.  
Next Door to Nat. National Bank. 30-41

IDOLS! IDOLS!!

INDIAN AND MEXICAN CURIOSITIES!

Old Pottery, Paintings, Feather & Hair Work.

TWO THOUSAND PHOTOGRAPHS OF NOTED INDIANS,  
Including Apaches, Yumas, Pimas, Pueblos, Navajos, Sioux, Comanches, &c.

Bows, Arrows, War Clubs, Shields, &c.

TARANTULAS AND REPTILES MOUNTED ON CARDS.

YUCATAN CARVED COFFEE AND CACTUS CANES.

Banded Moccasins, Blankets, Scarfs, &c.; Mexican Hats, and Indian Jewelry.

NEWSPAPERS, BOOKS, DRUGS & TOBACCO.

MEXICAN OPALS.

IGNACIO BROWN.

Depot News Stand, Deming.

ESTABLISHED 1882.

Quiet Club Rooms Attached,

H. C. MOORE, Proprietor.

DEMING, NEW MEXICO

THE AQUARIUM!

Everything in the line of liquid refreshment.

Tracy & Hannigan, Proprietors.

DISPENSING DRUGGIST.

J. P. BYRON,

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in

PURE DRUGS, FINE CHEMICALS.

TOILET ARTICLES, STATIONERY and SCHOOL BOOKS

Prescriptions carefully compounded at all  
hours day or night. DEMING, NEW MEXICO

PIONEER

Bakery and Confectionery.

ED. PENNINGTON, Proprietor.

FRESH BREAD, ROLLS, PIES, CAKES, Etc.

GANDIES, NUTS, FRUITS.

CIGARS AND TOBACCO,

Cor. Silver Ave. and Spruce St. - DEMING, N. M.